

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action of January 10, 2005. This Request for Reconsideration is in full response thereto.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19 on the basis of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants filed a Terminal Disclaimer on March 9, 2005, via facsimile, disclaiming any terminal portion of a patent issued upon this application that would extend beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,619,041. As such, this rejection becomes moot.

Applicants also kindly ask the Examiner to reconsider his interpretation of the amended claim language introduced by Applicants in the Amendment filed on December 20, 2004.

In the Office Action, the Examiner apparently considers the following phrase at line 10 of claim 1, "outer walls enclosing a furnace section", to be a double wall structure. Applicants respectfully disagree. This claim limitation does not address the issue of wall structure. It only addresses the existence of the walls.

The limitation, "furnace section", is intended to mean an **area** in which combustion of a fuel and oxidant(s) occurs. The limitation, "outer walls", is intended to mean the walls which **enclose** the furnace section. Thus, the phrase, "outer walls enclosing a furnace section", addresses the issue of enclosure of the combustion area and does not address the type of wall structure.

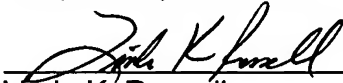
Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of these remarks.

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CONCLUSION:

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

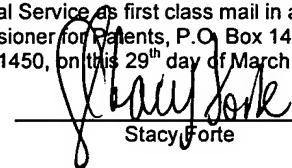


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